

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED CONTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC., d/b/a GTE MINNESOTA, AND OMNI TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-9
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued March 21, 2000)

On March 1, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Contel of Minnesota, d/b/a GTE Minnesota (GTE) and Omni Tel Communications, Inc. (Omni Tel), filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-9.

The parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing under 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments on or before March 31, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on March 1, 2000, by GTE Midwest Incorporated and Contel of Minnesota, d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Omni Tel Communications, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-9.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before March 31, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of March, 2000.